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The Omaha Bee

Merger of Packers Completed

Consolidation of Armour and Morris Plants to Be Formally Announced Next Week.

To Fight If Necessary

Chicago, March 9.—(AP)—Merger of the Armour & Co. and Morris & Co. packing plants was virtually completed today and the consolidation awaits only formal announcement to become effective.

Announcement of completion of the merger will probably be made next Tuesday or Wednesday, it was said. The price agreed on in exchanging the stock will not be made public until formal announcement of the merger is made.

Earlier in the day it was learned that the merger plans were complete except for agreement on the valuation of stock. Morris and Armour interests were unable to agree on this point and it was submitted to Albert H. Wiggin of the Chase Securities corporation of New York, and James H. Forgan of the First National bank of Chicago for arbitration.

Tonight it was learned that an agreement on stock valuation had been reached at the Florida home of Forgan, where Nelson Morris, head of Morris & Co., and other executives of the packing concerns met.

Filing of a complaint against the merger by Secretary Wallace of the Department of Agriculture will not hold up the deal, it was said today, it being expected that the deal will have been completed before hearings on the complaint begin. The packers it is said, stand ready to go to court in an effort to prove the merger legal in every respect if this becomes necessary.

Stabbed in Fight Over Trousers

Peter Soldatus May Die From Wound—Police Seeking John Lampropus.

Peter Soldatus, cook, 1815 Douglas street, may die as the result of a deep knife wound in his left side said to have been inflicted by John Lampropus at 315 yesterday afternoon in an altercation over trousers the former was wearing.

According to police, Lampropus went to the restaurant, where he was formerly employed, and claimed that the garment Soldatus was wearing was his. In the fight that followed for possession of the trousers, Lampropus is alleged to have wounded Soldatus with a meat knife.

Soldatus was removed to Lord Lister hospital, where Dr. Connolly said he probably will not recover. Lampropus address is unknown to police and he had not been arrested last night.

Histories of World, Not Nations, Urged by Harding

Brunswick, Me., March 9.—The teaching of history should be changed to take a broader view that would consider the nations of the western world in their relations to one another instead of considering them separately. President Harding said in a letter to President Kenneth C. M. Sills of Bowdoin college made public today. The president was congratulating the college on its plans for an institute of modern history to be held here from April 19 to May 1.

All the factors of the story of mankind, which was an essential unity, he said, must be weighed and appraised if any were to be accurately estimated and understood. A broader view of history would help greatly those having to deal with the problem of preserving peace and outlawing war.

Resumption of Peace Meet Is Suggested by Turkey

Constantinople, March 9.—(AP)—The Turkish government's reply to the all-British peace proposals arrived here by courier from Ankara this afternoon and was handed to the British, French and Italian high commissioners. Copies will also be delivered to the American and Japanese representatives.

Aged Friend of Kiddies Takes Own Life to Keep County Poorhouse

Brooklyn, March 9.—A group of children stood in front of a little home in Williamsburg. Each had a block of soft pine or cedar and some bits of cloth. They were waiting for Grandpa Mortzack to come out. For more than twenty years children have been accustomed to wait in front of the house for the man to come out and to clamor for him to "make them a boat." Today Grandpa Mortzack did not come out. His landlady appeared and told the youngsters he would never come out any more. He killed himself Thursday night by gas to prevent being sent to the poorhouse. Herman Mortzack was 72. He made a small fortune early in life as a builder of whalers. When steam replaced the last of the old sailing whalers he retired to make toy boats for Brooklyn kiddies.

Big Grain Dealer Predicts Better Conditions Soon

Purchasing Power of Farmer Keynote to Return of Prosperity, Chicago, Man Says.

Chicago, March 9.—James A. Patten, one of the most conspicuous figures in the grain trade of the United States, discussing the financial and industrial situation of the country, had this to say about the position of the farmer: "I believe that the whole question of a continued movement back to general prosperity rests upon a return to a proper relation between the price of farm products and the price of such commodities as the farmer needs to buy. There can be no genuine prosperity or even continued class prosperity, so long as the purchasing power of the farmer remains low, because of disarrangement of this fundamental, economic balance. "I regard corn as the keystone of the agricultural arch and fortunately the condition, appears at present for a price range for the rest of the year that will do much toward strengthening the farmer in his position as the greatest single purchasing power in our population.

"The government report shows that corn supplies are down to an average of the past 19 years and are 238,000,000 less than a year ago, and 478,000,000 less than two years ago. The question of value depends upon the relationship between supplies and needs, and from this standpoint the present situation is most encouraging.

"Last year we had a supply, on March 1, of 1,313,000,000, and on November 1 there was carried over 170,000,000, showing a consumption between March 1 and the new crop of 1,143,000,000 bushels. In 1921 the consumption during the same period was 1,279,000,000 bushels. "For the past two years, therefore, our average corn consumption, the greater part of which is represented by production of meat, was 1,260,000,000 bushels. It follows that our present corn reserves of 1,043,000,000 are less by 119,000,000 bushels than our actual consumption during the last two years.

"More livestock on farms. We have on hand several million more hogs and a larger supply of cattle, and that it is officially reported the spring crop is much larger than in recent years, it becomes apparent that there is a prospective urgent demand for corn for feeding. Further, the price of and demand for meat food is increasing with advancing wages and increased industrial employment, increasing an urgent call for the meat that this increased number of cattle and hogs can produce.

"Under these conditions of depleted corn reserves and urgent feeding demand, I believe that the working of economic law toward a proper policy relationship for farm products, and for corn, especially, is under way."

Men Tried as Smugglers Change Pleas to Guilty

Tacoma, Wash., March 9.—Two white men and three Japanese charged their pleas to guilty in federal court where they were on trial for conspiring to smuggle nine Japanese into the United States and were sentenced to two years each in the federal prison at McNeil Island. The government, virtually had completed its case when the pleas were changed. The men who changed their pleas are William Thompson, former chief of police at Hoquiam; James P. Hogan, former customs officer at Aberdeen; Rigiyo Yokota, Mitsutayo Morakami and Benjo Yoshimura.

Aged Jew Called Upon to Choose Between Wife and Daughter

New York, March 9.—Faced with a problem that probably would have taxed the wisdom of a Solomon, a bearded old Russian Jew sat on a bench at the Ellis Island immigration station today, praying for a discerning heart. In one hand was a telegram which had been sent him by immigration officials. "Request to know what is your decision regarding your family," it read. In another part of the station was his wife and two daughters, whom he had not seen for years. In response to the telegram he had come to the station to learn that his youngest daughter was feeble minded and would be returned to Russia.

Throst Dies for Slaying Instructor

Young Iowa Farmer Pronounced Dead 12 Minutes After Trap Is Sprung on Gallows at State Pen.

Remains Calm Until End

Fort Madison, Ia., March 9.—Calm and composed to the last, and without a farewell message, Earl Throst, young Allamakee county farmer, mounted the gallows in the prison yard here this morning and was hanged for the murder of Inga Magnusson, the country school teacher. The prison physicians placed a stethoscope to Throst's heart. He was pronounced dead at 7:42 a. m., 12 minutes from the time the trap was sprung. The execution of Throst took place in a drizzling rain. The stoic nerve of the man remained until the last. His only words, "God bless you all," were uttered after the black hood had been placed over his head. The body will be sent to his parents, who live on a farm just across the line in Minnesota from Allamakee county.

Throst was 26 years old. He was the tenth man to be officially executed in Iowa, and the fourth in the last seven months. Throst indirectly confessed to the murder of Inga Magnusson shortly before he was hanged, according to the authorities. "Take this shirt and tear it up," Throst told a deputy sheriff. "But why should I tear up the shirt?" asked the deputy. "Because it is the shirt I wore the day I killed her," Throst replied.

Girl, 11, Is Slain Youth, 20, Held

Body Found Beside Road Child Took on Way Home from School.

Vancouver, Wash., March 9.—Edward Whitfield, 20, was held in the county jail here today in connection with the death of 11-year-old Anna Nosko, whose body was found late last night in a thicket near her road home from school. The child had been attacked, crushed throat and head, and had been operated a farm about a mile from Battleground, where Anna went to school yesterday. When she failed to return at the usual hour, search parties were organized and found first the girl's umbrella, and some letters she was taking home from the postoffice, and then the body. Apparently, the little girl had been attacked at a point some distance from where the body was found, as shreds of clothing on two wire fences indicated it had been dragged through them to its hiding place. Whitfield is a farmer. The sheriff announced a charge of first degree murder would be filed against him. Whitfield denied all knowledge of the assault and murder, vehemently protesting his innocence. Examination of his person was said to have revealed traces of blood upon his clothing. When lodged in the county jail, Whitfield was described as defiant, refusing to answer questions regarding his movements during the afternoon.

Bodies of Two Hunters Found by Searching Party

Rincon, N. M., March 9.—After a three-day search in the hills surrounding Rincon, a searching party late today found the body of Lessoro Martinez, 40, a member of a well-known family of Rincon. Earlier in the day the searchers found the body of Martinez's boyhood friend, Santiago Silva. Both bodies were badly beaten and each contained a bullet. The posse is hunting for a third man whom they believe met the two men and killed them. Silva and Martinez three days ago started on a short hunting trip by themselves.

Discuss Farm Conference.

St. Paul, March 9.—Plans for conferences with representatives of the various farmers' grain marketing organizations of the northwest were discussed tentatively by officers and directors of the Equity Co-operative Exchange this afternoon following the decision early in the day to change the character of the corporation and make it a national marketing enterprise.

Edison Off to Join "Henry."

West Orange, N. J., March 9.—After delaying his departure for several days because of illness, Thomas A. Edison left last night for his winter home at Fort Myers, Fla., where he said he would "wait for Henry." He meant Henry Ford, his vacation time friend, whose winter home adjoins Edison's. Mr. Ford is expected to arrive at Fort Myers within a few days. Mrs. Edison accompanied her husband.

Loses Alienation Suit.

Lincoln, March 9.—(Special)—A jury in district court today returned a verdict for the defendants in the \$50,000 alienation suit brought by Elsie Obermeyer against her parents-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. William Obermeyer.

Iowa Killer Pays Penalty for Beating Girl to Death



Earl Throst, who was convicted of the murder of Miss Inga Magnusson, pretty 22-year-old school teacher, was hanged yesterday.

Throst pleaded guilty, declaring he killed the girl because she wouldn't marry him. Miss Magnusson was clubbed to death in her school room, near Dorchester, last December.

Lady Astor Asks British Dry Law

London, March 9.—(AP)—Lady Astor, moving in the house of commons today the second reading of her bill prohibiting the sale of intoxicants to youths under 18 for consumption on the premises, delivered an address replete with witticisms to an attentive and frequently amused house. The bill, she declared, was designed to protect adolescents—their health, self control and powers of resistance—and remove boys and girls from the environments of the public house. It was already illegal, she pointed out, to sell liquor to those under 14, and her bill merely changed the age limit because it was generally recognized that persons were still youths at 18. "A Child to 18." "You are children," she declared. "You men are children, and we women love you because you are children." She declared the bill was not in any sense her bill, as Lord Bryce had introduced it two years ago. It was supported by teachers and behind them were organized women, the heads of the great schools, the chief medical authorities and the churches. The medical men of all countries, she said, were agreed as to the danger of any alcohol during the period of adolescence. Regarding the suggestion that the act should apply to only one sex, Lady Astor declared sex discrimination in this subject should not be tolerated. She wanted to "give the spirit and not the spirits a chance."

Panama Canal Traffic Sets New High Record

Washington, March 9.—A new high mark for Panama canal traffic was established during the week ending February 27, when 168 vessels, including 81 ships of the Atlantic fleet, were transmitted. The naval craft passed through to join ships of the Pacific fleet for joint maneuvers in Pacific waters without delay to commercial traffic. The traffic "was handled by the regular organizations without any special arrangements being made," according to the current issue of the canal record, "and no merchant vessel failed of prompt transit on account of the passage of the fleet." The traffic aggregated 414,567 tons, while the naval vessels totalled 214,946 tons.

Snowstorm in Nevada Forces Air Mail Pilot to Turn Back

Reno, Nev., March 9.—A heavy snowstorm near Wadsworth forced Pilot Monton of the air mail service, westbound, to turn back to Lovelock today and he does not expect to leave there until the storm subsides. He telephoned from Lovelock that there was seven inches of snow in Wadsworth canyon, which was formerly the main line of the Southern Pacific.

Samuel Gompers Suffering From Bronchial Pneumonia

New York, March 9.—(AP)—Samuel Gompers, 73, president of the American Federation of Labor, is at Lenox Hills hospital, this city, suffering from influenza and bronchial pneumonia, it was learned tonight. His secretary, W. C. Roberts, announced that Mr. Gompers' physician, Dr. Gustav Fish, reported the patient's condition as serious, his advanced age greatly retarding convalescence. Mrs. Gompers arrived from Washington today and went at once to her husband's bedside.

To Aid Farmers on Projects.

Washington, March 9.—Immediate relief for thousands of farmers located in federal irrigation projects in the west will be made available under a policy announced today by Secretary Work of the Interior department. The farmers in many cases had been threatened with ruin through their failure to raise sufficient crops to pay charges due the government for supplying water and these charges under the new policy will be deferred.

Herrin Defendant Slain.

West Frankfort, Ill., March 9.—Constable John Kelley of Zeigler, near here, one of the men under indictment in connection with the Herrin mine killings, was shot and killed shortly before last midnight by Dan Davis, a coal miner.

Bandits Get Payroll.

New York, March 9.—Armed bandits held up an employee of J. J. Devine & Co., clothiers, in the lobby of a Fifth avenue building, robbed him of a \$3,500 payroll and escaped in a waiting automobile.

Marks Are Seized for Expenses



Dusseldorf, March 9.—The French and Belgian armies of occupation are paying their expenses by means of requisitioned marks, it was announced at French headquarters. More than 14,000,000,000 marks have been collected by the occupational forces, of which all will be applied toward expenses incurred since the Ruhr troops moved into the district just two months ago.

The largest sum seized by the French, near Hagen, was 13,000,000,000 marks in reichsbank funds being shipped by train from Berlin to Cologne. Included in the amount confiscated is 1,000,000,000 marks taken at Duisburg, which was also a reichsbank shipment, and hundreds of millions in German government strike funds.

Amundsen Will Seek Pole June 21

Seattle, Wash., March 9.—Capt. Roald Amundsen, head of an Arctic exploration expedition, that left Seattle June 3, last in the schooner Maud, will hop off June 21, from Wainwright, Alaska, for a flight over the North Pole, according to a letter received here from him by Capt. John Backlund, owner and master of the schooner, C. S. Holmes. The sun at that time, explained the letter, will be diffusing perpetual day over the region within the Arctic circle. It is also hoped that a south wind will prevail.

Letter from Explorer Declares Start of Polar Air Flight Scheduled.

The letter written in Nome, Alaska, where Captain Amundsen has been wintering, said that he would soon start to mush back to Wainwright, where Lieutenant Oskar Omdal, aviator, who is to pilot the plane over the pole, has been caring for the machine since it was landed there last fall. The letter gave the present position of the Maud as 209 miles north by northeast from Wrangell Island and drifting slowly with the ice toward the pole. "Captain Amundsen has selected the summer solstice, when the sun has reached its farthest point from the equator for his flight across the top of the world," said Captain Backlund. "He explained as he flew that he would make every effort to start his flight June 21, but that the trip would not begin earlier than June 29 or later than June 25, weather permitting. I feel sure that the flight will be successful and that Captain Amundsen and Lieutenant Omdal will land safely at Spitzbergen."

Retail Food Prices in Omaha Decrease

Washington, March 9.—Retail food cost in all of 22 respective cities decreased between January 15 and February 15, according to figures compiled by the Labor department. Compared with the average prices in 1913, however, the range was 21 to 39 per cent higher.

Decreases for January 15 to February 15 included: Salt Lake City, 3 per cent; Denver, San Francisco, 2 per cent; Butte, Omaha and St. Paul, 1 per cent.

For the year from February 15, 1922, to February 15, 1923, increases reported included: Butte and St. Paul, 1 per cent; Omaha and Salt Lake City showed a decrease of 2 per cent and San Francisco less than five-tenths of 1 per cent. As compared with the average cost in the year 1913 the retail cost of food on February 15 was 37 per cent higher in Omaha and San Francisco; 31 per cent in Denver and 21 per cent in Salt Lake City.

Young Man Leaps to Death From Washington Monument

Washington, March 9.—A young man, believed to have been a Bernie Seip, a war veteran, leaped to his death from the observation tower of Washington monument early this afternoon.

The Weather

Forecast. Saturday, fair and colder. Hourly Temperatures. 4 a. m. 48, 5 a. m. 48, 6 a. m. 48, 7 a. m. 48, 8 a. m. 48, 9 a. m. 48, 10 a. m. 48, 11 a. m. 48, 12 noon 48, 1 p. m. 48, 2 p. m. 48, 3 p. m. 48, 4 p. m. 48, 5 p. m. 48, 6 p. m. 48, 7 p. m. 48, 8 p. m. 48, 9 p. m. 48, 10 p. m. 48, 11 p. m. 48, midnight 48.

Moving of Children From Ruhr Begun

Bochum, March 9.—(AP)—The transfer by the Germans of several hundred thousand children from the troubled zone has begun. Five hundred youngsters from 5 to 7 years of age were sent from here by special train yesterday. The Germans announced they were sent to Bremen where they would be distributed among private families to be cared for until the troubles blow over.

Belgium Program to Rid the Ruhr of German Troops

Brussels, March 9.—(AP)—The Belgian program to rid the Ruhr of German troops, which was occupied yesterday for the purpose of rounding up all the members of the disbanded security police still at large, the city was searched by the French soldiers and 270 of the security force members were arrested and expelled.

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